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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): LAPOINTE, Jean et al.
Application No.: 09/820,834 Confirmation No.: 4476
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Group Art Unit: 3673
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Customer No.: 20988

AMENDMENT D

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with the present amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.